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## Farmers' market founder dies after fall

From Staff Reports

GAUTIER — Hattie Delcomyn Guillotte, 78, the matriarch of the Jackson County Fair and farmer's market, died Friday in Ocean Springs after sustaining a head injury Wednesday.

The head injury occurred as Guillotte attempted to board a Singing River Hospital System bus unassisted, daughter Ione Guillotte says.

The 78-year-old woman then fell and struck the cement driveway.

Singing River Hospital officials were unavailable for comment on the matter.

Affectionately called "Miss Hattie," the Jackson County native was actively involved civic and political issues.

"She was on the first Gautier Election Commission," said Ione Guillotte.

"She established the farmers' market on the entire Gulf Coast.

She met with Commissioner Jim Buck Ross in the 1970s and they saw a need to meet the farmers' need of being able to get their product to market," Ione Guillotte said.

"She ran the Jackson County market for 17 years and the Harrison County market was a spinoff from it. She was a member of the Jackson County Fair Board for nearly 25 years," she added.

Guillotte ceased her active role at the market upon reaching age 72.

Jackson County administrator George Touart said, "When I first came to work as county administrator in 1989, Bethel Robertson, Marge Reynolds, Mildred Boutwell, Mac McGinty, Charles McInnis and Hattie Guillotte were the people who put on the fair.

"(Guillotte) was in the livestock

barn for many years."

Touart said after her retirement, it didn't seem right going into the barn and not seeing Guillotte.

"They (board members) were the pioneers of the fair. Without the dedication of those six people, we would not have out there what we have today," Touart said.

Guillotte was an advisor for the 4-H Club, former president of the VFW and was instrumental in establishing the boys and girls softball league in Gautier.

She also served as a Jackson County Transportation officer, accompanying female inmates to hospitals in Meridian, Jackson, Columbus and other cities.

Guillotte was married to the late Hurley Ray Guillotte Sr., a native of Gautier.

Guillotte is survived by four



Hattie Guillotte

Hattie Delcomyn Guillotte, 78, of Gautier, Miss., died Friday, Aug. 15, 1997, in Ocean Springs.

She was born June 17, 1919, and has been a life-long resident of Jackson County. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Gautier. She had voluntarily undertaken projects for the farmers and the fair activities and was a former member of the Jackson County Fair Board. She was a volunteer Jackson County officer, involved with the 4-H Club as an advisor for many years and once served as president of VFW. She volunteered to coach basketball at Gautier Elementary and then coached for OLV (now Resurrection). Her interest in sports brought to the youth of Jackson County, Dixie Girls Softball where she was the state director for a number of years. For her community service, she has received various awards and recognition. She will be remembered for giving of her time and dedication to her family and the community of Jackson County.

She was preceded in death by husband Hurley Guillotte.

She is survived by a son, Hurley Ray Guillotte, Gautier; three daughters, Hattie Mae Guillotte, Pomona, Ca.; Margaret "Onie" Ione Guillotte, Gautier and Hannah G. (Jim) Guillotte Moran, Gautier; a sister, Marion Seward, Bayou La Batre, Ala., a brother, J.C. (Doris) Delcomyn, Forrest, Miss.; four grandchildren, Troy Alan Guillotte, Mark Shane (Vanessa) Guillotte, Jennifer Nicole Moran and Jessica Brook Moran, all of Gautier; and one great grandson, Hunter Jacob Guillotte, Gautier.

Visitation will be Sunday, Aug. 17, 1997, 6-9 p.m., at O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Pascagoula, Miss. Rosary will be at 8:30 p.m.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18, 1997, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Gautier with Father Michael Kelleher officiating. Friends may visit from one hour prior to the service at the church.

Interment will be at Pinecrest Cemetery in Gautier, Miss.

Memorial may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, P. O. Box 151, Gautier, MS 39553.

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May 4, 1908 she was the daughter of Albert Delcomyn and Hattie Elizabeth Urie Delcomyn. Her family consisted of four older brothers, two sisters and one younger half brother.

She graduated Whitworth College in Brookhaven and taught in the Pascagoula Public Schools. She was also Principal at the old Lake Avenue Elementary School.

In 1935 she married Don V. Yingling and moved to his family's extensive farm holdings in Nixon, Pennsylvania. They had one daughter, Elizabeth Ann, and later moved to Butler County, Pennsylvania. Olga taught elementary school in Saxonburg from 1950 to 1970, then kindergarten at Elfinwild United Presbyterian Church. Her husband Don died in 1979.

Olga lived in Glenshaw, Pennsylvania until 1984, then moved to Oak Hill, Virginia with her daughter and son-in-law. She later resided at Comfort Cottages in Oak Hill.

Olga is survived by her daughter, son-in-law, three grandsons and five great grandchildren.

Services were held in Virginia at:

Fairfax United Methodist Church

10300 Stratford Avenue  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

and in Pennsylvania at:  
St. Paul's United Methodist

Church

1965 Ferguson Road  
Allison Park, Pennsylvania  
15101

Memorial contributions may  
be made to the above church-

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**YINGLING**

Olga Delcomyn Yingling,  
96, died Monday, March 21,  
2005 in Oak Hill, Virginia.  
Born in Pascagoula, Miss., on



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Delcomyn and Lloyd Delcomyn.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, James M. Epting, Jr. (Linda), Pascagoula; three granddaughters, Kim Epting Phillips (Tim), Oxford, Miss.; Leigh Ann Epting Goff (Stacey), Monroe, La.; Alison Epting Ainsworth (Kyle), Ridgeland, Miss.; three great-grandchildren, James Pittman Phillips, Margaret Ellis Epting Goff and Mamie Boyd Ainsworth; one sister, Olga Delcomyn Yingling, Herndon, Va.; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002, 6-8 p.m. at O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Pascagoula.

Funeral service will be Monday, Nov. 25, 2002, at 10 a.m. at O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home with Rev. M.L. McCormick, Rev. Jim Fisher and Rev. Bruce Little officiating.

Memorials may be made to: Caswell Springs United Methodist Church, 18601 Hwy 63, Pascagoula, MS 39581 or First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 371, Pascagoula, MS 39568.

Interment will be in Machpelah Cemetery in Pascagoula.

Arrangements by O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Pascagoula.

EPTING

**Hattie Bell Delcomyn Epting, 92, of Pascagoula, Miss., died Friday, Nov. 22, 2002, in Pascagoula.**

She was born Oct. 22, 1910, and had been a lifelong resident of Pascagoula.

Mrs. Epting was the owner of Epting-Delcomyn Florist originally on Krebs Avenue in Pascagoula.

Formerly Delcomyn Hardware and Gifts, the florist is presently Epting-Delcomyn Florist in the Three Rivers Community. Mrs. Epting was the first youth director at First United Methodist Church in Pascagoula, member and officer of U.M.W. for many years.

She was a charter member of the Business and Professional Women Organization, charter member of Downtown Merchants Association, member of Eastern Star in Pascagoula, active member of Caswell Springs United Methodist Church and active former member of First United Methodist Church in Pascagoula.

She is preceded in death by her husband, James M. Epting Sr.; parents, Albert and Elizabeth Delcomyn; stepmother, Willie Howell Delcomyn; sister, Mae Delcomyn Humphreys; five brothers, Carl Delcomyn, Emile Delcomyn, Roy Delcomyn, Albert

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DELCOMYN'S RETURN  
FROM WONDERFUL TRIP.

Five of Family Travel 9200 Miles in  
Auto and Visit 26 States and  
Canada.

Mr. A. Delcomyn, accompanied by his daughters, Olga and Hattie Belle, and his sons, Roy and Lloyd, returned home last Saturday after an auto trip that traversed through 26 states and a portion of Canada. Their itinerary included the states of Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana, as well as the District of Columbia and Canada.

Ontario, Canada, was the furthest point northeast that was reached by the party, while on the northwest the extreme limit of their journey was Yellowstone National Park, but they visited nearly every point of interest between.

The party left here on July 4, and were gone seven weeks. They travelled in a 7-passenger closed car, camping on the way, sleeping in the car. Mr. Delcomyn states the roads in the main were good and had

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officials were kind and considerate to them everywhere, and they had no trouble in driving about in the large cities of Washington, New York, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Chicago, Denver, etc. They traveled 9197 miles, using 800 gallons of gas and 35 gallons of lubricating oils.

Mr. Delcomyn and his children spent a week in Chicago, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Willie Delcomyn at 3596 Avondale avenue. They visited Mammoth Cave, Niagara Falls, the Sesqui-Centennial, the Capitol, Congressional Library, Mt. Vernon, Gettysburg, Valley Forge, and other points and places of interest, crossed several mountain ranges and spent a while in Yellowstone National Park.



*In Loving Memory of*



*Hattie Delcomyn  
Guillotte*

June 17, 1919

August 15, 1997

This week marks two years since the tragic loss of our mother, Hattie Delcomyn Guillotte, who fell off a hospital transportation bus. "Miss Hattie", as she was known by many, was loved for all the hard work and dedication she contributed throughout Gautier, Jackson County and the state of Mississippi. Her age and wisdom have been a blessing throughout our community. Although she has certainly been recognized for many of her efforts and leadership roles both during her lifetime and through memorial tributes, these two years has proven to be difficult, emotional and heart-breaking experience for all she has left behind.

Out of memory and love for our mother during this anniversary week, we are urging Singing River Hospital System and other organizations to join us in preventing future accidents and to take more safety precautions to be used with other loved ones and **their patients**.

We pray that our mother's death will not be in vain.

We would also like to thank all of those who have shared in our loss and who have recognized our mother for her unending contributions.

In Love and Memory,

Her Children:

Hurley Ray, Hattie Mae,  
Ione, Hannah